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## Street basketball visits LSUS

by Allison Burns  
Production Editor

LSUS was the venue for the Shreveport destination of the Street Ball Association pre-spring exhibition tour. On Thursday LSUS students and the general public filled the HPE building to watch professional street ball players compete against LSUS students.

"We were looking for an event for LSUS that caters to the students – something they'd be proud to participate in," said Bryan Schmidt, student activities coordinator.

The event was set up for a slam dunk contest, three-point contest, and a competitive five-on-five game.

The LSUS team consisted of intramural players and three slots made available through try-outs to any LSUS students.

SBA features some of the best professional street ball players. The team competes in cities across the nation like Phoenix, Dallas and Detroit.

They are not only looking to find the best talent, but to get people involved in the game.

"Our goal is to promote the game of basketball," said Earl Tyson, SBA player also known as "Harlem World."

Tyson said his favorite part about the game/exhibition is pleasing and entertaining the crowd.

Entertainment is an ample part of the show. SBA players are well known for their "tricks" such as double dribbling and throwing balls off the defender heads.



Photos by Matt Morris

The streetball exhibition in the HPE building Thursday featured LSUS students competing with professionals. The contest included three-point and dunking contests.

"I wanted to learn about the tricks," said Kyle Jones, 12-year-old Cope Middle School student who came to the game with his father.

Crowd participation is also widely promoted. DJ Marlon Bradford kept the music going as the contests took place.

Audience members were caught showing off their dance skills, and the SBA brought along the "OUCH" girls for half-time entertainment.

Team players and the crowd were encouraged to participate in the slam dunk contest. The winners were chosen based on audience cheers. SBA players earned numerous rounds of applause.

Schmidt has plans to bring back the SBA to LSUS in about three months. New to the show will be a special announcer to help enthuse the crowd and motivate them to get more involved in the activities. Also there will be more players and a more organized slam dunk contest.

This will all be in effort to get students involved in intramurals, games, and recreation.

Not all SBA players will return. Tyson will be leaving the SBA in April to join the CBA – a minor league for the NBA.

LSUS team player Arthur "Jay" Redmon, freshman pre-med, said, "I'm definitely excited. This

event brings more recognition to us and to the school."

News crews from Channels 12 and 3 filmed as the five-on-five game got underway. The points were close in the first quarter.

"I think they underestimate us," said Redmon. "I think we have a good chance of beating them. We just need to settle down."

The SBA team won the five-on-five competitive game.

Even though LSUS did not win the competitive game the event did accomplish the goal.

"Our goal was to draw community members and attention to LSUS on an athletic standpoint," said Schmidt.

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LSU SHREVEPORT  
by Marian Claville

Last fall's SGA proposal to change the name of the U.C. is missing in action. SGA submitted a proposal to the administration to change the name of the University Center to the Student Union.

The proposal was drawn up after the fall 2002 elections for senators at large when the student body (the true SGA) voted to change the name of the building.

The proposal was first brought about after SGA discussed the fact that the building itself and all of its maintenance was and is paid for out of the student activities fee.

The change was also suggested because it is primarily used for the students.

"The University Center has its name because it was built in the center of the campus," said Vice Chancellor Gloria Raines. "The UC was meant to be a multi-purpose building used by faculty, staff and students."

According to SGA Secretary Heather Kleckinger, the proposal was passed in the SGA senate and then passed on to the administration.

"The document right now is lost, but we will find it," said Raines.

She said the student affairs office is currently "swamped" with things to do and that the proposal is on a long list of things to do.

"I will get with (SGA President Jeff Strozier) and we will find out who the proposal was formally given to," Raines said.

## SGA confronts Board of Regents student representative about inequity problems

by Candice Leone  
Assistant Editor

A cloud of doubt and distrust hung over the Webster Room during the most recent SGA meeting.

Amber Salas, the student representative to the LSU Board of Supervisors and a fourth year student at LSUMC, spoke to the senate about the LSU system and attempted to explain how scholarships are divided among the schools included.

However, many of the questions raised by the SGA were dismissed or never directly addressed, leaving the senate wary of the answers Salas did offer.

Salas began the session by explaining that each member of the LSU board is allotted 20

scholarships to grant as they see fit to students in the LSU school system.

The student representative is elected from all of the SGA presidents in the LSU system.

As the only student member on the board, Salas represents the students of Louisiana and is also allowed to give out 20 scholarships to her peers. However, some have begun to question the fairness of how the scholarships are distributed.

According to a list released in November 2002, none of the 20 students receiving a scholarship from Salas are from LSUS.

When SGA President Jeff Strozier asked Salas why his school was overlooked, she assured him that there were at least five or six students from LSUS on the scholar-

ship list.

"I can guarantee there are five (students from LSUS) at least," Salas said. "You definitely got misinformation."

However, once she reviewed the list, Salas told Strozier that the list was incorrect and was not updated with the most recent names of students she gave the scholarships to. She said that an updated version of the list does exist, but that it cannot be released to the public because of private information it contains.

Rebecca Hufft, senator at large, said that the entire scholarship issue sounded biased and she did not understand the criteria the students are required to meet to receive these scholarships, since no guidelines have ever been clearly stated. Also, she said that a list of Salas' 20 stu-

dents is hard to come by and cannot be easily found by anyone who would like to review it.

"It seems very shady," Hufft said. "I have a major problem with my tax money being given out with no priorities."

Salas said that she tried to be fair and that she has not abused the power of granting scholarships for any personal gain. She also said that she sees how there is potential for the student representative to be unethical in the process.

"I did not use this (power to give scholarships) for any type of kickbacks," Salas said.

Another question was raised when Lacy Spencer, senator at large,

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# From the editor

## ■ SGA elections don't have any competition... so what's the point?

Every week we like to imagine that there are people all over the campus opening the paper directly to the editorial section to see what insight can be gained from our student voice.

Other people probably look to the paper to see what we are trying to incite.

With the SGA elections coming up, it is traditionally a time for the editor of the paper to question the way our student government works.

My predecessor, Mark Rogers, launched a campaign to get students not to vote for a candidate in the election.

I felt that was unnecessary effort for an already achieved result. Not very many students vote. The reason for this is obvious: there is never a choice of candidates.

This election there is absolutely no competition for any of the offices up for election.

In fact, some of the offices may stand open for anyone who would like to be appointed to the position by the senate. Usually, anyone who is willing to go to an SGA meeting can get on the senate.

Dr. Gloria Raines, the adviser to the SGA, has joked that I should be an honorary member of the senate because I've probably been to more meetings than any of the members with the exception of President Jeff Strozier.

Having watched the way things work in the senate, I feel the need to make several observations.

First, the SGA should amend its constitution to change the requirements for eligibility for executive positions.

As every student is a member of the SGA, every student should have the right to run for the positions of president and vice president. I have made this suggestion repeatedly, but despite being ignored I still believe this is something that must be done.

The reason opponents give to this suggestion involve the hypothetical situation where someone gets elected to the presidency without a real feel for how the SGA works.

My response to this is that is what the electoral process is about.

There are two solutions to the problem of inexperience.

First, when the new executives are elected there is and should be overlap time during which they can be trained by their predecessors.

It isn't that complicated, though the current executives have gotten a lot accomplished and will be a tough act to follow.

But that gives future leaders a good example.

Second, with competition we could assure that the best person for the job would be elected, chosen by the students.

But right now the students don't have a choice and haven't had one in the four years I've been here.

It is a flawed system and must be fixed if the students are really to be represented.

There are scholarships involved with the executive positions, and the argument has been made that someone may get the scholarship who doesn't deserve it.

Again, the students should be trusted to pick a candidate for themselves.

Plus, the SGA has an internal affairs committee which can impeach any officers who are deemed incapable.

Next, the SGA needs to be given more power.

Why should administrators be able to block any de-

cision by the SGA simply because they don't agree with it or are unwilling to put it into effect?

When SGA decides on strictly student-related issues its voice should be law.

This doesn't include things like scheduling, which Dr. Stuart Mills, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, has to coordinate.

There are a lot of factors involved in making a schedule and it affects more than just the student body, so the students should not presume to have authority over it.

Senators should present well-researched proposals that don't overstep the bounds of the SGA if they expect to get anything done.

Senators, don't have an overinflated sense of self importance and do realize where your duties lie.

However there are many things that do involve students specifically and should be the purview of SGA.

For example, the way the school is set up now, the SGA is answerable to the Student Organizations Council as a "student organization."

That is backwards, SGA as the governing body for students on this campus should be independent of SOC and perhaps even have authority over it like they do at other campuses.

The same could be said about Student Activities Board.

Also, the lack of student involvement indicates that most students are satisfied with the status quo here.

SGA should use the Blackboard Computer system to do student surveys besides Professor of the Year. (Which, while we're on the subject, is flawed in that it seems to be weighted towards professors who use Blackboard. Many good professors do not.)

SGA can easily find out what issues the students on this campus are concerned about.

And if it is only parking, we might as well disband the SGA senate because they can't fix it.

Perhaps with the new computer system or even through Blackboard, SGA can convert itself from a faulty Republican form of government to a true democracy in which every student who gives a damn can vote on each proposal.

Rather than a senate, we could have a council to format proposals for student consideration.

But whatever is done, there has to be change for progress, and the SGA should be willing to adapt itself to better serve the needs of the students.

To confront your candidates about these issues, send questions to [Almagest@pilot.lsus.edu](mailto:Almagest@pilot.lsus.edu) for the March 18 debate during Common Hour in the Port.

I will be the mediator and feel the candidates need to be challenged in the debate since they won't in the election.

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## Clarifications

On the front of our last issue we put the words "Vagina. Penis. They go together so well." Before we sent it to publication, Mrs. Bright asked us several times if we were going to change it. We did not. Then after we published it, Dr. John Nolan, the chair of the department of mass communications, told us that it was a mistake because it is not the kind of thing you'd want to show an employer. The next day I had a conversation with Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs about it. She suggested that I write an apology, but I'm still not clear who the apology should be directed to. None of these people try to censor us, but as educators they try to guide us to become professionals.

Only one student has told us that she disapproved of the "motto." About a dozen students have told us that they liked it. Because this is a student newspaper paid for by students we try to target the student audience and if this made people pay attention to the paper we see it as a good thing. However, Mrs. Bright and Dr. Nolan should not be blamed if anyone was offended by this. They give good advice, I sometimes just don't listen. To say I'm sorry for putting it in the paper wouldn't be accurate because I don't think it is a big deal and if anyone was offended they probably take things too seriously. However, if putting this in the paper made any of our editors or reporters look bad, I am sorry for that.

# Letters to the editor

## Student gives reasons against war

As King George II continues to beat the drums of war, the American public still seems divided over whether or not it is justified to go to war against Iraq. For those of you who are in favor of going to war, let's review some of the reasons why Washington is threatening to destroy the regime of an old pal of the CIA.

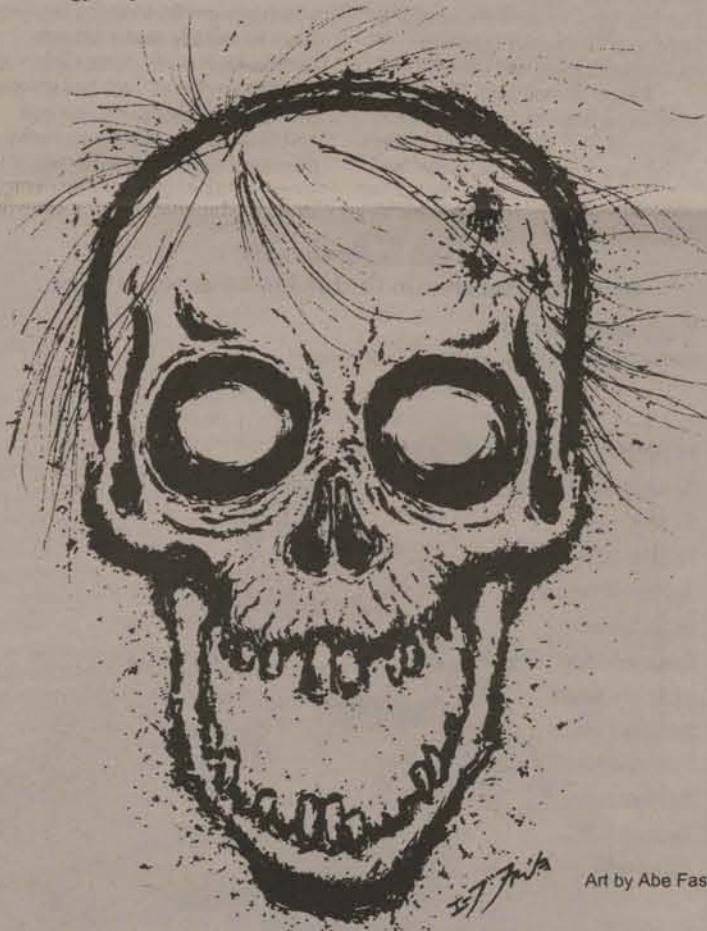
1) The United States points out that Iraq is in violation of dozens of U.N. Security Council Resolutions. I have no choice but to agree with this statement. Since Iraq is in violation of U.N. resolutions (not to be confused with U.S. resolutions) it is up to the Security Council to authorize any war against Saddam. America cannot invoke the first point and bypass the second.

2) The U.S. also cites many Iraqis living in exile who support the invasion of Iraq. Now these people have a right to their opinion- from the safety of their exile. They will not be among the estimated 100,000 Iraqi civilian casualties.

We also know that following the invasion of Iraq, any post-war government of Iraq will no doubt be a "puppet regime" of the United States (how else can we control the oil that comes out of the Middle East?) This will not sit well with many Arabs, and will bring about even more Anti-American sentiments in that region. Now Bush claims that it is in the best interest of American national security to invade Iraq. I don't think he realizes that someone like Osama bin Laden will likely take advantage of these emotions, and easily convince more people to join his Al-Qaeda organization. Therefore Pres. Bush is leaving the U.S. even more vulnerable to a possible terrorist attack.

In the words of Israeli writer Amos Oz, "An American war against Iraq, even if it ended in victory, is liable to heighten the sense of affront, humiliation, hatred and desire for revenge."

Umar Hussain  
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Art by Abe Fassho

## The "True" Face of War

Our copy editor, Angela Gehrls is still looking for people to interview about the deployment of loved-ones. If you would be willing to participate in such an article, please call 797-5328 or e-mail Almagest@pilot.lsus.edu.

## Copy editor laments lack of interest in activities

Last Friday, I got a wild hair and decided to check out the Adrenaline Rush in the HPE parking lot, simply because I walked outside and heard some very familiar live music coming from that direction.

As I neared the activities area, I noticed the line for the burgers, a lot of tables and chairs lined up near the grass, the mechanical bull and one of my favorite local bands-- Built For Speed. I wrote a story about them in the Music Views section of the Almagest during the fall semester, and the bass player Scott and I are pretty good friends.

So I got my burger, cookies and chips, and sat down to enjoy the entertainment and do some "silent observing." What I observed was this: quite a few students enjoying the free food and not a lot of people enjoying the free activities—which not only included the mechanical bull, but a race car simulator, rock wall, and several other things I couldn't really identify, but which looked pretty fun.

Why didn't I participate in any of that, you ask? Well, being that I seem to be somewhat of a loner here at LSUS, those are activities I reserve for being with a larger group than one. And many such groups were out there then.

I also observed the lack of interest in the live music, and it disturbed me. Everyone was so far from the stage. It reminded me of my original belief that local musicians get very little recognition. The crowd had to be prompted to react...sometimes by Scott and vocalist/guitarist Jonathan's semi-sarcastic, "Hey...thanks a lot!"...sometimes by Scott yelling, "Hey...I wanna hear you over there!" Every now and then I'd hear a few whoops and hollers from random people, but the crowd reaction was overall quite disappointing. The band got a few people to come to the stage while they threw out t-shirts and CD cases that SAB was giving away at the event.

Even though these guys are supposed to be my "friends" and hardly acknowledged I was there, I still did my best to scream and clap after every song (although I didn't want to attempt to scream with my mouth full of food). These guys are amazing musicians, and deserve a lot of credit for being so. If you don't believe me, go to their website at [www.builtforspeedmusic.com](http://www.builtforspeedmusic.com) and order their CD. If you like rock music, you won't be disappointed.

I think SAB did a great job picking the entertainment for this event. I just wish more people had enjoyed the performance as much as I did.

I also wish other students would realize that our student activities fees are paying for all these special events, so we might as well have fun with them. So far this semester, the Adrenaline Rush will make the third on-campus event I've attended...the others being Bamboula and the Mardi Gras celebration. I was impressed with them all.

Of course, this is just one student's opinion, so if you want to prove it to yourself, you'll just have to check out some of these activities. Check the calendar for dates, and if you'd like to provide any feedback on campus events you've attended, just stop by the Almagest office and let us know.

Angela Gehrls  
Copy Editor

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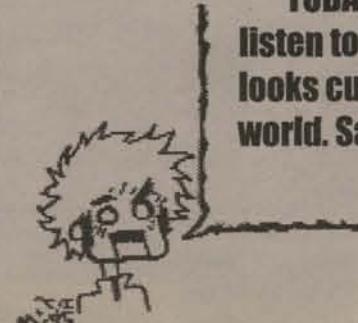
SEND IN THE CLOWN'S      by ABE FASHHO

I think idiocy is contagious. Now it's your turn to ask me, Why Fight Man? What makes you think that idiocy is contagious in this day and age?" Well in one case a majority of the people of this so-called God-fearing nation believe that our so called national idiot representative "Dubya" is a great man, a terrific President (the best we've ever had? HA!), and the savior of the free nations of this world. Let's see, ummm.... can we say bull\*\*\*\*, yeah that's the word for today, bull\*\*\*\*. Whenever you hear this word for the next 2 years scream really loud in a crowded area, or anywhere where you can grab a lot of attention. It works. Trust me!

Why? Well, first of all this so-called leader of free world is a moron. How can I say this you ask? Easy, he's a moron, and I'm just being nice. He wants to wage war with a dictator who nobody could kill for the past 12 years, and might I add that this "beautiful" country and it's "protective" government funded this dictator, gave him weapons, trained his army, and hell bought him stock in Ebay! Did I mention that we put him in power? Hussein is a product of our war factory assembly line, and he even comes with kung fu chopping action. Now our little Hussein action figure is old news, he feels rejected, so he starts to kill people here and there, and we don't say anything. Hussein buys more weapons that we sell to him, because we feel sorry for him. Then he kills more people, and we still don't say anything, but we claim that we tried to kill him for the past 12 years using any tools at our disposal, we forgot the hammer and nails! We failed, and on top of it we lie to the public saying that Hussein is dead and gone. Our government believed that he was dead, but guess what, he survived. So what's left now, I guess with an idiot at the wheel and a bigoted cabinet in the backseat we're gonna drive on down to the political Toys "R" Us and buy a new replacement dictator action figure, and its accessories (brought to you by " Dubya" and friends Comp.) include super brainwash action, laser vision, glass jaw, and kung fu false treaty signing action. What a deal!!!

To finish the replacement process lets start a war, and kill some military leaders, murder a couple thousand helpless civilians, and go after the big cheese himself. It only took 12 years to get to this point. Our freedom-loving country is LAZY. We create something, and in the end it blows up in our face or falls apart in front of us. Other times we use our so called foreign policy to fix up these things, especially with this administration, foreign policy translates into, "you belong to us now, Billy." But Billy doesn't understand, neither does "Dubya," and since he doesn't he will destroy what is in his way to get his way, or until Cheney gives the go ahead. In conclusion, something bad is going to happen and all we do is pour more gas on the fire, and with that I'm moving to Canada, eh! Bush is an idiot, and his policies suck, if they're his at all. Who knows, by tomorrow we could be at war with Belguim, or hell even Hollywood! People ask for proof, and we say, "They're part of the Axis of Evil," or what I call the Axis of Bull\*\*\*\*! Remember, a pretzel almost killed our president, so the real Axis is in salty snacks. That's the real Al Queda, Frito Lay and Pals, let's go get em' "Dubya."

**TODAY'S LESSON: When the next election comes up remember not to listen to your free choice of who you want, but to vote for Bush because he looks cute, stupid and is waging war and provoking terrorists all over the world. Salute the new 4th Reich, "Dubya"!**



## SGA: LSUS students accuse Salas of lying

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asked Salas if scholarships could be promised to other SGA presidents in exchange for a vote for the position on the board, since the LSU system presidents are the people who elect the member.

Salas said that that situation is "not really fair" and that it could happen, but she did not know anything of the scholarships when she ran for the position.

However, Strozier remembers Salas speaking with him while she was running for the position and discussing the scholarships.

"Her statement to the senate was a complete lie," Strozier said. Also, the list of Salas's scholarship recipients from November named two LSU system SGA presidents as recipients of the scholarship.

Salas tried to reassure the senate that the power of scholarships "does nothing" for her, and that "it didn't make or break anything" when she was choosing the recipients.

"It wasn't that big of a deal to compromise my integrity," Salas said. "We've inherited a flawed system with lots of opportunity for shadiness and not good stuff going on."

After numerous attempts and phone calls, Salas was unable to be reached for further comment.

## Students receive advertising award

by Marian Claville

Two LSUS students took home advertising awards in a local competition.

Kevin Gaspard, senior fine arts major, won an ADDY award for his advertising for the arts collateral entitled "FireBird." Sharon Lawrence, also a senior fine arts major, won an ADDY for "Typographic Woman."

Gaspard and Lawrence received their awards at a ceremony held at Harrah's Casino Feb. 15.

The Shreveport-Bossier Advertising Federation ADDY Awards Competition is open to all north Louisiana groups, organizations, companies and institutions engaged in the production of advertising.

According to the Shreveport-Bossier Advertising Federation website, www.sba.org, their ADDY Awards Competition is the first of a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation.

"They changed the format this year, so student entries go against all other entries," said Gaspard about this year's ADDY competition.

The competition included col-

**"We have a really small program that constantly beats other schools."**

Sharon Lawrence  
senior fine arts major

leges like Louisiana Tech, Northwestern and Centenary.

"We have a really small program that constantly beats other schools," said Lawrence about LSUS' fine arts program and their overall performance in the ADDYs.

Lamoyne Batten, chair of the department of fine arts/foreign languages/humanities submitted their pieces.

"[The] good thing about our students winning an ADDY award is that when they go to get a job, [employers] know what an ADDY award is," said Batten about one of the advantages of receiving an ADDY.

They competed for certificates, trophies and the respect of the advertising industry.

## Students' adrenaline rushes with bull riding, rock climbing

by Michael Scott  
Graphics Editor

For those of you who missed it — there were many — Friday's Adrenaline Rush offered the most free fun this semester at LSUS.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Board, students had the chance to climb a large rock wall, gun down an opponent in laser tag, experience racing in a Nascar simulator, hold on for dear life on a mechanical bull and enjoy free hamburgers.

Built for Speed, a local rock band, played from noon until four o'clock. Unfortunately, the X-Treme Air skydiving simulator was unable to function properly.

The operators said they would return when the machine was working. While student turnout was small, it was evident that the student activities fee increase has been put to use to provide a fun environment for those who attend LSUS.



Photos by Matt Morris

Monique Rezaei, psychology freshman, climbs the rock wall.  
(Below) Built for Speed performs.



(Left) Kathleen Grimmett, assistant director of student activities, showed her skills on the mechanical bull during Adrenaline Rush.

## PR students learn teamwork at Texas crisis competition

by Ashley Speckman

LSUS student Bo Wellborn, senior public relations major, received honors at the Third Annual Lone Star Crisis Case Competition. This competition, which took place Feb. 28 through March 1 at Texas Tech, also included LSUS students Rachel Wright and Janice Nelson. The three public relations majors went to Lubbock, Texas, to take part in a crisis case competition.

The students were randomly assigned to groups, and on Saturday they were given a crisis based on an actual event. The students formed a crisis plan and at the end of the day held a press conference with Texas Tech journalism students acting as reporters. The reporters judged the best press conference while the group's crisis plans were sent off to public relations professionals across the state of Texas.

Ronald Sereg, assistant professor of mass communications, accompanied the students and said the competition was beneficial because it gave students "the opportunity to work with a group of people they didn't know -- very much like real life -- sometimes having to yield to others with regards to recommendations and ideas."

Janice Nelson said, "It was good experience to work in a team with strangers. Teamwork is always an important thing in business, and

any opportunity to learn about teamwork is a good thing." Wright, a junior, choose to participate in the crisis competition "to gain practical experience creating a campaign plan based on actual events."

Nelson, a senior, wanted to attend to evaluate her abilities. "This is my last semester in school and I thought it would be a good experience to attend this competition and judge for myself how well I've learned to write a campaign plan."

Sereg said that all of the competitors were well prepared, and judges had a lot of difficulty in picking a winner. A benefit of the competition for Wright was "a new appreciation for the Mass Communications program at LSUS and the education received here."

Nelson added, "After attending this competition, I can say that the PR department at LSUS, though small, is just as good if not better than the larger PR department at Texas Tech. We are fortunate at LSUS to receive more one-on-one instruction because we have smaller classes."

Three PRSSA students and their adviser created this event, which has grown over the last three years to include students from Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Texas Tech's student-run firm planned this event, giving LSUS students a glimpse of what they may also accomplish at LSUS.

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# SOC considers monetary incentive for good standing student organizations

by Jennifer Knafla  
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The SOC will explore the plausibility of dispensing leftover funds to student organizations as an awards incentive for good standing.

Before the meeting began, Secretary Katherine Robbins informed the representatives from Catholic Student Union, Baptist Campus Ministry, Zeta Tau Alpha and Psi Chi that their clubs were on probation.

The Baptist Campus Ministry and Zeta Tau Alpha thus will not be able to accept the funds granted to the organizations at the last meeting.

"It's a lack of knowledge," said Josh Grisham, representative for the Baptist Campus Ministry, who claimed he had no idea that his club had been on probation since the fall.

He and other SOC representatives agreed that the probation process should be better explained to its members.

President Robert Suttle agreed, but also said it should be each member's own responsibility to discover and utilize the resources on the campus. "Take the initiative yourself," Suttle said.

Robbins presented an amendment that would divide surplus funds among student organizations of good standing at the end of the spring semester. Currently surplus funds go into a general Student Activities fund. Kathleen Grimmett, SOC adviser, estimated that \$1,500 would be left over at the end of this semester.

"That would give a little less than \$100 to the (18) organizations in good standing," Robbins said.

Robbins explained the amendment as an attempt to encourage student organizations to participate in the SOC meetings. Currently only 18 of the 32 student organizations are in good standing.

Matthew Morris, Almagest representative, objected to the proposal. He said the SA slush fund is sometimes used to accommodate other areas that may have gone over budget.

As well, the SOC request system is designed to efficiently keep track of the fund spending. Morris said by giving organizations money, there was no way to account for how

the money would be spent.

Grimmett voiced the concern that if the SOC failed to spend all of its funds this semester, the budget committee could decrease its budget next year.

The 2002-2003 budget was raised from \$6,000 to \$10,000 due to the increase in the Student Activities fee.

After a suggestion from Brian Hirsch, TKE adviser, the proposal was tabled and moved to an ad hoc committee.

Student organizations currently on probation until spring 2004 semester include American Humanics, Association of Criminal Justice and Society of Reason.

The Catholic Student Union, Campus Ministry, History Club, Math Club, MBA, Psi Chi, Society of Human Services Administration and Zeta Tau Alpha are on probation.

In other business, before approving LAE-SP's program funding request of \$500 for its graduation ceremony for education majors, the council discussed the cost of catering by The Port.

LAE-SP had budgeted \$1,000 for The Port to feed 100 or more people. Hirsch suggested the council talk with Vice Chancellor Mike Ferrell about the cost of the restaurant for student organizations.

Officer nominations were also taken. Katherine Robbins was nominated for president.

For vice president, Heather Marzec, Jennifer Siskron and Thomas Fitzgerald were nominated. Terrance Neal and Lyndsay Reed were nominated for secretary/treasurer.

Grimmett announced that the keynote recruitment specialist, David Stollman, will be on campus on March 16 and 17. Sponsored by SAB, the nationally recognized recruitment expert will focus on one of LSUS's major problems said Hirsch. "Only 10 percent who start here (at LSUS) actually graduate from LSUS," Hirsch said. Hirsch blames the low percentage on uninvolved.

Due by March 28 are organizations' annual reports, information rosters and SOC awards nominations.

I think I need to go see Montey!!!

## Campus Crime Blotter

February 25

1 p.m. A woman reported that someone had stolen her center hubcap and left one behind that was similar to it. The hubcap was taken as evidence and there are no suspects at this time.

March 3

12 p.m. A professor reported that a student had had her purse stolen in the women's restroom on the third floor of Bronson Hall. When the police arrived they were told that the student had gone to look for the woman who had stolen her purse.

## Campus chief of police retires, search committee considers three candidates

by Joel Warne

Campus Police Chief Lt. Ron Parker retired earlier this semester, leaving a legacy for future developments for our campus police.

Parker helped to develop, modernize and organize the campus police from the "cavalier-driving" cops they had once been the uniformed and trained police officers we are accustomed to today.

"Parker was a great police officer and will be missed," said Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Michael Ferrell. "He was responsible for increasing the force and creating a more professional staff."

Parker had served with the LSUS police department for 10 years, but his career in law enforcement did not begin there. Prior to his campus legacy, Parker served as an officer for the Bossier City Police Department, then he went to work for the fairgrounds.

Ferrell has begun a search committee dedicated to the replacement of the police chief. The committee has representatives from each niche group directly affected by the ultimate decision.

The committee includes a director from housing, human resources, and business affairs, a student and a civil service worker from the bookstore.

So far, there are three applicants up for consideration by

the search committee who have been or will be undergoing background and work history checks to ensure the highest of qualifications.

"Of course, our highest priority is the safety of the students ... We want people to come on campus, know they're safe and leave safe," said Ferrell. "Students are our customers. Many don't see it that way, but I do. If it wasn't for them, there'd be no need for us."

The police officers try to keep that in mind when deciding on jurisdiction to prevent dealing out frivolous tickets. Although the majority of on-campus crimes range from speeding to automotive break-ins, there is urgency for the department.

The department itself has investigated numerous incidents such as rape and abduction.

Ferrell recalled several incidents from within a small time frame in which similar complaints had been falsified by students in order to escape classroom obligations.

The students responsible were charged with filing false complaints.

Supported by the school's general fund, the department spends much of its budget on salaries and benefits for those who are employed, as well as the maintenance and operation of the department and its increasingly modern equipment.

The department also offers students the benefit of the doubt when it comes to on-campus speeding and

parking tickets with its Traffic and Safety Committee, which devotes its time to the appeals of tickets that are believed to be erroneous.

This particular committee also allows for student opinion in its rulings by maintaining two student seats, along with two staff member seats and two faculty seats.

The department currently has three shifts of officers to guarantee 24-hour safety, seven days a week. Jurisdiction comprises the entire main campus, the university property off of St. Vincent Avenue, the campus' perimeter streets including Youree Drive, and all school-related functions.

Jurisdiction does make leeway for criminals on the run. Campus police can follow offenders off of campus property. Investigations relating to school crimes can also breach campus lines.

Sgt. Richard Coutee is currently directing the LSUS police department during the absence of a chief.

His 27 years of experience as an LSUS police officer qualify him for the interim job until the search committee finds its new police chief.

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# American Business Women's Association will start LSUS chapter

by Penne Jennings

The American Business Women's Association is looking to start an LSUS campus chapter.

ABWA's mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking, support and national recognition.

The Red River Mixer was held on March 12 by the LSUS Campus Student Union. Debbie Laffitte from the Express Chapter and June Green from the Port of Shreve Chapter were the guest speakers.

Currently, five chapters of the ABWA are in Shreveport. Some of the activities of the local chapters include friendship programs, memorial services, newsletters, mentoring, skill building, networking and leadership on local and national levels.

The local ABWA also participates in the American Business Women's Day, which is celebrated on Sept. 22 on behalf of more than 57 million American working women and 7.7 million women business owners who are providing important contributions to this nation. It also participates in a Spring Regional Conference and national conventions as well.

The Port of Shreve Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Picadilly Cafeteria at South Park Mall. The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. for networking and dinner, and then the meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The new chapter that is forming is called the Red River Express, and its meeting dates and times are still to be determined. However, the meetings will be held in the LSUS University Center.

The local chapters provide several resources to their members. They offer continuing education credit by giving members the opportunity to earn non-college credit and obtain transcripts and certificates of completed courses. Distance learning certificate programs are also offered (which equip participants with the needed skills to be effective leaders.)

Regional and National Conferences are led by professional male and female speakers and educators from various industries. Workshops are also a part of the conferences and are relevant to today's working-women. For the women who want to take control of their own professional development, ABWA provides a wide range of books, learning tools and pre-packaged educational programs.

Scholarships are available through the Stephen Button Memorial Educational Fund, ABWA's national scholarship trust, which has contributed to date more than \$11 million to women's professional success through education. Scholarships are available on the national and local levels.

For more information, contact Jennifer Carter, assistant director of the LSUS Career Center, at 797-5219.

## SGA candidates run unopposed

by Jennifer Knafla  
Managing Editor

With SGA elections less than a week away, the campus is dead to the concern of politically motivated activity.

Of the 10 positions to be filled by the SGA elections March 17-24, only six intent-to-run forms for the positions were turned in by the March 5 deadline.

Bradly Craft is running for president, and Lacey Spencer is running for vice president. This will be the third consecutive year in which the presidential candidate for the senate has run unopposed.

Of the eight positions available as college senators – two for each college – only half will be filled.

While the College of Business has no candidates running for its senator positions, the College of Sciences will fill its allotted two po-

sitions with Sammy Handan and Hiren Patel.

Ryan Barnaby is running for senator position in the College of Liberal Arts, and Yaniana Allen for the College of Education.

The unopposed students will officially take office on April 14.

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# LSUS triple dips Bellhaven in Gulf Coast matchup

by Chris Moore  
Sports Editor

The Pilots stayed hot in conference play with a 3-game sweep of Bellhaven College on March 7-8.

In the first game, LSUS scored six runs in the first three innings before cruising to a 7-2 victory. Infielders Thomas McManis and Tyson Arishenoff launched back-to-back homers in the third inning. It was McManis' eighth round tripper of the year, as he continues to lead the GCAC in that category. McMan-

is had two hits in four tries with two RBIs, and Arishenoff went 3 for 4 with three RBIs and a double. Tony Ferguson continued to stymie the opposition with eight innings of strong pitching for the Pilots. He allowed only two earned runs while striking out four.

In the second game, third baseman Wesley Gray had two hits and two runs scored in leading the Pilots to a 9-4 victory. Thomas McManis had a hit and two RBIs as six different players knocked in runs for LSUS. Freshman pitcher Daniel

## First game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Belhaven	00 001	100	- 2 8 4
LSUS	303	000	10 - 7 8 3

Win - Ferguson 6-0. Loss - Thibodeaux. Save - None.

Welch picked up the win on the mound with six innings of work. He allowed four earned runs and seven hits before giving way to freshman southpaw Brandon Ezernack.

In the concluding game of the

## Second game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Belhaven	021	001	0 - 4 7 2
LSUS	201	321	- 9 9 0

Win - Welch 2-0. Loss - McElroy. Save - None.

series, LSUS scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, and held Bellhaven in the seventh to win 2-1. Pilot pitcher Gene Stevens improved his record to 7-2 with a complete game performance. He gave up only

## Third game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Belhaven	000	001	0 - 1 4 0
LSUS	000	002	- 2 6 0

Win - Stevens 7-2. Loss - Bouchillon. Save - None.

one earned run and a walk, while striking out four. Outfielder Cole Reynolds and catcher Aaron McRae were both 2 for 2 at the plate for LSUS. McRae knocked in both of the Pilots' runs.

## LSUS splits with Nicholls State

by Chris Moore  
Sports Editor

Thomas McManis hit his GCAC-leading seventh home run to help LSUS win the first game of a March 3 double header, but the Pilots were shut out in the nightcap, as they split with Division I Nicholls State University 7-4 and 3-0.

McManis, Wesley Gray, Brady Dupree and Ramsey Branch all had two hits apiece in the first game. McManis had three RBIs,

## First game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
LSUS	050	020	0 - 7 11 1
Nicholls	002	200	0 - 4 4 0

Win - Montoya 1-1. Loss - ATKINS. Save - None.

while Gray and Dupree each had one double and one RBI. Right-hander Levi Montoya got his first win of the season for the Pilots with a complete game performance in the opener.

The junior pitcher allowed

## Second game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
LSUS	000	000	0 - 0 5 0
Nicholls	000	003	- 3 9 0

Win - BOURG. Loss - Stevens 6-2. Save - None.

only four hits and four earned runs while striking out three. Right-handed side-slinger Gene Stevens absorbed the loss in the second game, despite giving up only three earned runs.

## Pilots take two out of three from Wolfpack

by Chris Moore  
Sports Editor

The LSUS baseball team improved its conference record to 7-2 with a GCAC series win over Loyola University of New Orleans.

The Pilots won two out of the three games played in the Feb. 28 and March 1 series and remain in second place by a half game in the GCAC behind the University of Mobile.

In the first game, the Pilots scored seven runs in the 7th inning on their way to a decisive 11-1 win over the Wolfpack. Catcher Aaron McRae and center fielder Ramsey Branch each had 3 RBIs, while third baseman Wesley Gray knocked in two.

McRae had three hits in five tries, including a triple, while Branch and Gray added one hit apiece. Junior outfielders Cole Reynolds and Todd Morben contributed with one RBI each-- Reynolds with a 2-for-3 effort and Morben with a 3 out of 4 performance.

Shortstop Tyson Arishenoff had three hits, including a double, and designated hitter Chase Cox knocked in a run while going 2 for 3.

Last week's GCAC Pitcher of the Week, Gene Stevens, didn't allow a single earned run in seven innings of work. Stevens gave up only two hits and walked none. He is now 6-1 on the year.

In the second game, LSUS came up short 7-6 in extra innings. The Pilots tied the game in both the 6th and 7th innings but couldn't do it in the 8th after the Wolfpack scored in the top of the frame and held on for the win.

Senior Tyson Arishenoff was perfect at the plate in game two, with

a 3-for-3 performance that included a two-run homerun and a double and 3 RBI's.

In the deciding game of the series, pitcher Tony Ferguson dominated Loyola hitters with a brilliant seven-inning performance, allowing only three hits by the Wolfpack in a 6-4 win for the Pilots.

The 6'4" right hander gave up only three earned runs and struck out eight. Right fielder Cole Reynolds was 2 for 3 with two doubles and an RBI to lead the way offensively for LSUS.

Tyson Arishenoff raised his average to .391 with a 2 for 3 effort, and first baseman Thomas McManis left the yard for the 6th time this year with a two-run homer. McManis collected his 17th, 18th and 19th RBIs in a 1-for-2 showing.

## First game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Loyola	100	000	0 - 1 2 4
LSUS	000	013	7 - 11 16 3

Win - Stevens 6-1. Loss - Showalter. Save - None.

## Second game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Loyola	300	000	31 - 7 11 1
LSUS	000	003	30 - 6 10 0

Win - Schenck. Loss - Thompson 1-1. Save - None.

## Third game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Loyola	020	002	0 - 4 3 5
LSUS	210	021	- 6 7 3

Win - Ferguson 5-0. Loss - Schenck. Save - None.

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March 13 - Delta State University 6:30 p.m. LSUS

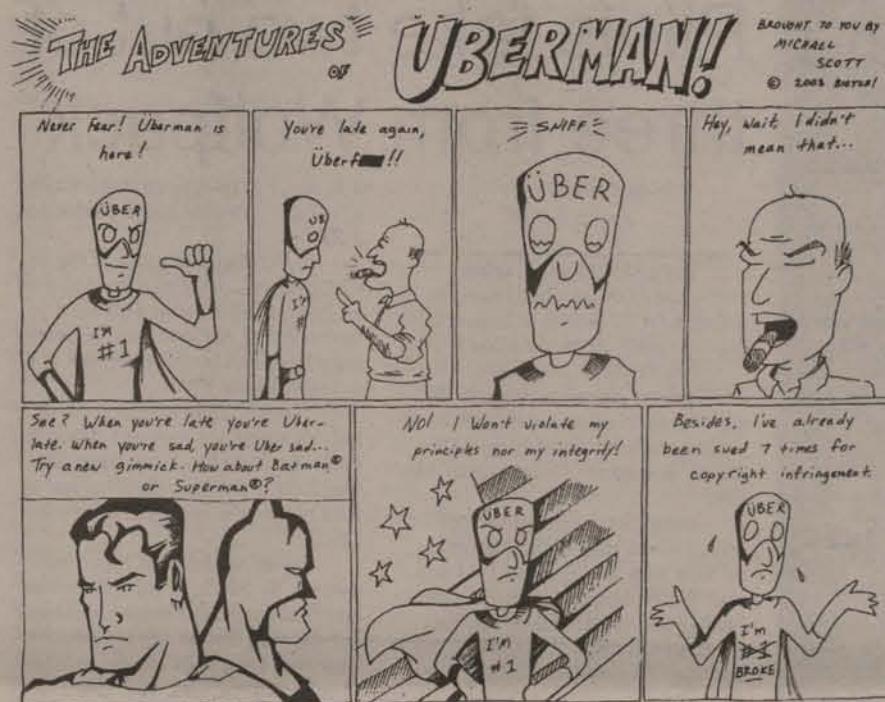
March 14 - University of Mobile 6:30 p.m. LSUS

March 15 - University of Mobile 1:00 p.m. LSUS

March 19 - @Paul Quinn College 1:00 p.m. Dallas

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